

January 2023

## **Study Visit to France Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

The Art and French departments are organising a trip for Year9, 10 and year 12 students to the wonderful city of Paris, departing on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July** and returning on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023**. The trip is designed to give students insights into France as well as an opportunity to further their knowledge of the different culture, history and a variety of genres of art. In addition, students will have the opportunity to put into practice some of the language they have learnt; thus improving their confidence and understanding of the language and allowing them to gain an invaluable experience of being abroad! Please note that the viability of the trip is dependent on sufficient numbers taking up the opportunity. On the other hand, should the trip be over-subscribed, names will be drawn with an ensuing waiting list.

Among the highlights of the trip to France are opportunities for students to visit the famous landmarks of the French capital city (including the Centre Pompidou, Tour Montparnasse with its spectacular view of the city), and enjoy an evening cruise on the river Seine to discover Paris by night. There will also be a tour of the famous Palace of Versailles and its gardens, just outside Paris. We will also spend a day at Disneyland Paris.

The approximate cost for all travel costs via coach and ferry, accommodation, food (breakfast, lunch and dinner included), excursions, all entry fees to the various attractions and insurance is **£495**, depending on numbers wishing to travel.

In order to be included in the draw, should the trip be over-subscribed, please complete the attached reply slip and return by **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January** to your child's Art or French teacher. Students allocated a place will be notified as soon as possible after the draw with a deadline for payment of a non-returnable deposit of **£50**. The preferred method of payment is through the school's **sQuid** facility but it can also be paid by cheque or cash to the Finance Office. Please make all cheques payable to "Vandyke School Fund". Students accepted onto the trip will receive more information, including a schedule for payments in the new year and a detailed itinerary, in due course.

The Vandyke Opportunities Fund is available to support families in financial hardship. If you think you might qualify, please contact Mrs Ruston at school using [rustonv@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk](mailto:rustonv@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk) or call 01525 636700. There are clear criteria that set out when financial support can be provided and Mrs Ruston will be pleased to speak with you in confidence about this.

You will appreciate that a journey abroad requires proper supervision and the full cooperation of all students. For this reason, we reserve the right not to take students abroad who have had behaviour-related concerns in school and we will review all students who wish to participate before making a final decision.

If you have any queries regarding this visit please do not hesitate to contact me on [rhodenk@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk](mailto:rhodenk@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Miss Katrina Rhoden  
Team Leader of MFL

Miss Jacqueline Lewis  
Team Leader of Art

**Art and French Study Visit to Paris July 2023**

**Please return this form to your Art / French teacher by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

**Student's name:** .....

**Tutor Group:** .....

**Student's French /Art teacher** .....

I consent to my child taking part in the **Art and French Study Visit July 2023**

I understand that the viability of the trip is subject to sufficient numbers wishing to take part and should it be over-subscribed then there will a draw with a waiting list.

I also understand that my child's behaviour in school may affect their participation on the trip.

**Signed:** ..... **(Parent/Carer) Date:** .....